This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 through 19 (previously cancelled).

Claim 20 (previously amended): A latch assembly according to claim 21 wherein at least one of said one or more handle retention members is depressible.

Claim 21 (twice amended): A latch assembly comprising:

a latch housing having first and second chambers and a recessed portion between said first and second chambers,

a retainer unit at least partially housed in said first chamber,

a handle pivotally connected to said retainer unit and housed at least partially inside said recessed portion when pivoted to a closed position,

a push button unit intermediate between said second chamber and said handle,

one or more handle retention members intermediate said push button unit and said handle when in the closed position,

an engagement surface intermediate said push button unit and said handle and engaged with said one or more handle retention members when in the closed position, and

a compression spring housed in said second chamber biasing said push button unit in an upward direction, wherein said push button unit ~~may be rotated~~ is rotatable.

Claim 22 (previously amended): A latch assembly according to claim 21 wherein said push button unit is operated by a key.

Claim 23 (previously amended): A latch assembly according to claim 21 further comprising a torsion spring between said retainer unit and said handle for urging said handle in an upward direction.

Claims 24 through 37 (previously cancelled).

Claim 38 (new) A latch assembly comprising:

a latch housing having first and second chambers and a recessed portion between said first and second chambers,

a retainer unit at least partially housed in said first chamber,

a handle pivotally connected to said retainer unit and housed at least

partially inside said recessed portion when pivoted to a closed position,

a push button unit intermediate between said second chamber and said handle, wherein said push button unit passes through said handle,

one or more handle retention members intermediate said push button unit and said handle when in the closed position,

an engagement surface intermediate said push button unit and said handle and engaged with said one or more handle retention members when in the closed position, and

a compression spring housed in said second chamber biasing said push button unit in an upward direction, wherein said push button unit may be rotated.

Claim 39 (new): A latch assembly wherein at least one of said one or more handle retention members is depressible.

Claim 40 (new): A latch assembly according to claim 38 wherein said push button unit is operated by a key.

Claim 41 (new): A latch assembly according to claim 38 further comprising a torsion spring between said retainer unit and said handle for urging said handle in an upward direction.